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Letter from Janet E. Davison, Wellesley,
Massachusetts, to Mrs. R. J. Davison, Bath, New
York, 1912 February 16

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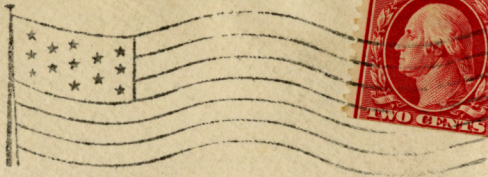
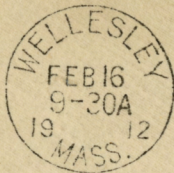
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Mrs. R. J. Davison,
6 E. Washington Ave.,
Bath,
N. Y.



Dearest Mother, - I do hereby declare
that this is the beginning of a volume.
I haven't written a letter since Sun-
day night & much has happened
meantime. Mon. A.M. we were up bright
& early, Christine, Ruth, Linda and I,
and took the train for Marlboro
at 8:30, arriving about 9:30. Helen
met us, we went to the house,
had coffee and cake, & started
out sleigh-riding with Janet as
driver. We drove 8 mi. in all -
to the Wayside Inn and back &
didn't have time to go thru the
Inn. Then we belbroidered till one
when we had the best home-grown
dinner I've tasted for some weeks.
After dinner we belbroidered & talked
till 3:30, then went down town to
lay in a supply of cookies & candy.
At 5 we had another glorious

supper and at 5:47 started for
Wellesley & arriving there at about
7. Mrs. Cosgrove had also insisted
upon our bringing back 4 two-
quart jars of canned fruit —
peaches, pears, strawberries &
raspberries. Isn't she some lady?
We went to bed quite early. (I forgot
to say that Linda spent Sun. night
with me & we didn't go to bed early
— partly cuz we made fudge in
Chris.'s room & partly cuz we talk.)
Tues. we went to college as usual.
Yesterday A.M. the "flunk" notices
came out ~~as~~ you already know.
I never was so surprised in my
life that I got by in Geometry &
don't know now how it ever hap-
pened. I came home at 11:45 & the
Helen and I went down town
after the mail & then had lunch

out of my box. By the time we
were thru the watery tide was up.
Mary & Ruth H. were dissolved
entirely & Charlotte was feeling moist.
Charlotte flunked 4 hours, Mary
4 and Ruth 7 - (Harriet Mattson
did 4 also but she wasn't around
then). Well we had to get people
cheered up (H.W.C.'s & my specialty)
and fed from the box. Then to ease up
I offered to exchange families with
Mary for confession - she didn't
know that I'd already sent a card to
you & seemed greatly relieved of
her burden. About 2:30 I went to
bed to read and stayed there right
thru dinner, eating some pressed
chicken & cookies at 10 when I took
down my hair. This a.m. I conferred
with Miss Fletcher over my Latin
paper & she said that on the whole
it was better than she'd expected

so I'm awaiting my mark with
more curiosity than ever. Tomorrow
I'm going to try & see Miss Chandler
about my Math. & a week from to-
morrow I'll have an English conference
on my long theme & my exam. The
German papers 'll probably be back
next week. Next Tues. we have another
Botany quizz - we're studying re-
production now & it's almost fascin-
ating, tho so much microscopic work
bores me eyes. Next Mon. P.M. 4 of
the girls in our district, Florence
Tenney, Betty Whelan, Jennie Graves
& Mary Stevens are to give a big swell
tea to which I, Miss Tufts, Miss
Ferguson, Miss Botany Locke (there's
also a Miss Bible Locke), Miss Fletcher
& a few other big bugs are bidden
besides many minor characters.
Now I must tell you about our

(my) nice spread². The box was
here Tues. noon when I blew in &
Margaret, H. W. C., Ruth P. & I opened
it - It sure was well sealed. Then
we marvelled at the beauty of the
packing & I says to myself, "That
looks like G'nna." Things came in
perfect condition. Well, I set the box
under an open window & turned off
the heat & kept it that way till
about 8:00 P.M. Then I fixed a utility
box in the centre of the floor with my
nice pretty Aunt Henrietta cloth
over it & laid the spread. I picked
up knives, forks, spoons & 3 silver
bou bon dishes & bought 2 doz. paper
plates & so we were well equipped.

I wished every minute that you
could have seen those girls
wade in. Helen & I hardly had
a chance to taste or smell of things

but we managed to consume a
morsel or two before the last dog
was hung. I can't think of any one
thing that was more popular than the
others, but I wish you knew how good it
all tasted to us poor(?) boarding-house
kiddies & how "like mother (+ g'mother)
used to make" it was. I certainly
thank you people "Tausendmal" for
your supreme goodness & hope it
didn't tire you too much. Ruth P.,
Lucinda, Ruth S., Mary & I had
chicken, lemon jelly cake, cookies,
candy, and almonds in addition
to our sandwiches, oranges & baker's
cake for lunch today & there's still
a good lot left. Helen & I'll feast
ere we retire. Tues. I had five
letters! Two type-written ones from
the boys, one apiece from Bert &
Gat & one from Mother. Gats told

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about Junior week & I also
had a Cornell paper from
Stanley cont. a picture of the
glee Club. I had a letter
from Stanley Sat. night.
Mon. I had a letter from
G'ma & one from Jack.
Today I heard from J. N. F.
& Jack. I also received a
valentine postal from Mabel.
You can see I have some
work ahead of me & by the
way, I need some more stamps.
I'm wildy excited about
the suit & coat & know I
shall like them, but can
Dad afford so much? You
see the 1st of March isn't

so far distant now & I think
that it would be a good
thing to have a regular
allowance of \$50 per & then
I can reckon as I ought
to. With books to get right
along it may not be quite
enough but I'd like to try
just for fun. It makes you
feel more independent &
responsible I think. Ask
Dad what he thinks about
it? - To wander back to
the other track, my hat is
"up to you" - I'd like it quite
plain, quite grown-up &
quite nifty but not too
expensive nor too con-
spicuous. Verstehen Sie?

It's 3 weeks today since I
sent my laundry but will not
send it again till next Wednesday
probably. You may be prepared
for a shock. & do you realize that
you didn't return my laundry
bag?² I use my suitcase for a
week & Sun. A.M. & transfer to
the telescope. Also I'll remind
you of the gold Cornell belt pin,
& I shall want another big pad.

Christine & the 2 Helms are
enjoying the "remains" at present
& they say, "Tell her etc., etc."
I can't think of it all but you
can guess probably.

Now I must close & get
12 pages of German. The way they're
piling up work for us is
scandalous.